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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,277,184
AL PCT Application WO 01/22108
AM German OS 40 40 789
AT Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 08289878 A, for Japanese Application No. 07099183

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA and AL were identified and discussed at page 2 of the present application, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

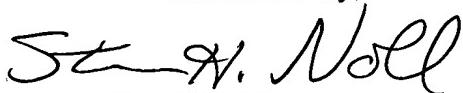
References AM and AT were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. A translation of Reference AM is not readily available to the Applicant, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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